

HOUSE RESOLUTION 142

By Hazlewood

A RESOLUTION to honor Joseph Sanford Manning for his outstanding commitment to ongoing community service.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body should specially honor those estimable public servants who have dedicated their professional careers and personal excellence to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable person is Joseph "Joe" Sanford Manning, who has continuously served both his church and the local community since his retirement in 2005; and

WHEREAS, while growing up in Chattanooga, Joe Manning attended John A. Patten Elementary School and Kirkman High School, where he focused his studies on auto mechanics; and

WHEREAS, a resourceful and hard worker, Mr. Manning worked at the local grocery store after school to earn money for gas and insurance. He then began working for Lawrence-Doster Motor Company in downtown Chattanooga as an auto mechanic, and eventually an auto technician. He retired from Lawrence-Doster after thirty-nine years of service in 2005; and

WHEREAS, since his retirement, Mr. Manning has acted as both president and vice president of the Lookout Valley Neighborhood Association, and he currently serves as a board member; and

WHEREAS, during his terms as president and vice president, Joe Manning was responsible for the oversight of multiple projects, such as the Lookout Valley Christmas Parade, the July 4<sup>th</sup> Fireworks Display at the John A. Patten Community Center, and the annual parade that takes place on his street; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Manning grew up in Chattanooga, where he currently resides with his wife, Janie, with whom he brought two daughters, Kristie and Wendy, into the world; and

WHEREAS, Joe and Janie Manning also acted as the primary caregivers for Joe's mother, who suffered debilitating strokes that left her in need of constant care; and

WHEREAS, Joe Manning is now a grandfather to four grandsons, and is an active member of the Wauhatchie United Methodist Church, serving as the church's chairman for the trustees, as well as on multiple other committees; and

WHEREAS, always attentive to the needs of his fellow citizens, Mr. Manning has played a major role in the development and weekly production of the church's community food pantry and clothes closet; and

WHEREAS, Joe's interests now include working with audio equipment and staging a weekly gospel community concert at the Lookout Valley Hardees, for which he schedules performers and manages sound and equipment. This event was well-attended until its cessation after a successful ten-year run; and

WHEREAS, a man of extraordinary achievement, Joe Manning has attained the respect and admiration of the Chattanooga community for his community service; and

WHEREAS, he is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the Volunteer State, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor and commend Joseph "Joe" Sanford Manning for his commitment to the Chattanooga community, devotion to his church, and unwavering family stewardship, and extend to him our best wishes for his continued success in all his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.